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PROPOSAL FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES IN LIEU OF SEZs
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Social Development Zones (SDZs) in place of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether all the Ministries including Planning Commission have agreed to the idea of SDZs;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the strategy chalked out by the Government to take a final decision in this regard; and

(e) the role likely to be played by SDZs to curb social unrest and social upliftment of the masses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e): Preliminary discussions to explore the feasibility of setting up Social Development Zones have been held.